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SUMMARY

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1. (C) DURING HIS JUNE 1-4 VISIT TO DENMARK, UGANDAN PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI TOLD GOVERNMENT AND PRESS OFFICIALS ALIKE THAT UGANDA IS NOT SUPPORTING THE RWANDA PATRIOTIC FRONT, BUT IS IN FACT ENCOURAGING RPF LEADER PAUL KAGAME TO SEEK A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION. FOR THEIR PART, DANISH OFFICIALS HAVE SEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT UGANDA IS AIDING THE RPF.

2. (U) MUSEVENI HAD HARSH WORDS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS AND DESCRIBED ITS ACTIONS IN RWANDA AS SOMETHING OF A JOKE. NEVERTHELESS, HE VOWED UGANDA WOULD COOPERATE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO SECURE PEACE IN RWANDA AND CALLED UPON THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL TO INVESTIGATE AND PROSECUTE MILITARY LEADERS WHO ORDERED INDISCRIMINATE GENOCIDAL KILLINGS OF CIVILIANS. END SUMMARY.

DANES SEE NO EVIDENCE OF DIRECT UGANDAN SUPPORT FOR RPF
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3. (U) UGANDAN PRESIDENT YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI LED A 9-MEMBER DELEGATION TO DENMARK JUNE 1-4 IN AN EFFORT TO SPUR DANISH INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN UGANDA. AMONG THOSE IN MUSEVENI'S PARTY WERE AGRICULTURAL MINISTER VICTORIA SEKITOLEKO, TRADE MINISTER RICHARD KAIJUKA, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AGARD DIDI, AND MINISTRY OF FINANCE PERMANENT SECRETARY EMMANUEL TUMUSHME-MUTEBILE. MUSEVENI MET WITH DANISH PRIME MINISTER POUL NYRUP RASMUSSEN, FOREIGN MINISTER NIELS HELVEG PETERSEN, DEVELOPMENT MINISTER HELLE DEGN, THE PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT HENNING RASMUSSEN, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONFEDERATION OF DANISH INDUSTRIES.

4. (C) ACCORDING TO MFA UGANDA DESK OFFICER MOGENS PEDERSEN, BOTH NYRUP RASMUSSEN AND HELVEG PETERSEN QUESTIONED MUSEVENI ABOUT UGANDA'S LINKS TO THE RWANDAN PATRIOTIC FRONT (RPF). MUSEVENI REPEATEDLY DENIED THAT UGANDA IS GIVING ANY MILITARY OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO

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THE RPF. ON THE CONTRARY, UGANDA IS ENCOURAGING RPF COMMANDER PAUL KAGAME TO SEEK A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE CIVIL WAR. MUSEVENI DID NOT DENY A SENSE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE RPF, ADMITTING THAT SOME OF ITS SOLDIERS HAD SUPPORTED HIM AND THE NATIONAL RESISTANCE MOVEMENT AGAINST OBOTE IN THE EARLY 1980S. "THERE IS NOTHING BEYOND MORAL SUPPORT," HE TOLD HIS HOSTS, "BESIDES WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO GIVE THE RPF." MUSEVENI ARGUED MOREOVER THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S SCRUTINY AND THE PRESENCE OF UNAMIR TROOPS ALONG HIS COUNTRY'S BORDER WITH RWANDA MADE SURREPTITIOUS MILITARY TRANSFERS TO THE RPF IMPOSSIBLE.

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MUSEVENI SUGGESTED THAT THE TUTSI DISAPORA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNNELING MONEY AND WEAPONS TO THE RPF.

5. (C) FOR THEIR PART, THE DANES ACCEPT MUSEVENI'S DENIAL. PEDERSEN SAID DANISH OFFICIALS IN UGANDA (WHICH IS DENMARK'S SECOND LARGEST BILATERAL AID RECIPIENT) HAVE NOT SEEN EVIDENCE OF DIRECT GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO THE RPF. "WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION, BUT WE DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS ANY DIRECT MILITARY OR ECONOMIC SUPPORT. MUSEVENI IS A CLEVER MAN. HE WOULD NOT RISK LOSING INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT AND FOREIGN AID BY ARMING THE RPF," PEDERSEN ASSERTED.

6. (C) MUSEVENI BOASTED TO THE DANES THAT HAD UGANDA SUPPORTED THE REBELS, THE PRF WOULD ALREADY BE IN POWER. HE DID NOT SHY AWAY FROM DECLARING HIS SYMPATHY FOR THEIR CAUSE, SAYING THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR A SWEEPING REVOLUTION IN RWANDA TO CREATE A NEW POLITICAL STRUCTURE AND RID THE COUNTRY OF ITS POST-COLONIAL RULERS WHO PLAY THE ETHNIC CARD TO STAY IN POWER. "OUR REVOLUTION IN UGANDA," HE CONTENDED, "IS AN EXAMPLE TO THE RPF."

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7. (U) MUSEVENI WAS EXTREMELY CRITICAL OF THE UN'S BEHAVIOR IN RWANDA IN HIS FORMAL MEETINGS AND DURING A JUNE 3 PRESS CONFERENCE. HE DESCRIBED THE UN'S BEHAVIOR AS "SOMETHING OF A JOKE" AND WAS INCREDULOUS THAT THE UN NOW HOPES TO REENTER RWANDA AFTER THE WORST ATROCITIES

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HAVE BEEN COMMITTED. DESPITE HIS OPEN DENUNCIATION OF THE UN, MUSEVENI SAID UGANDA IS PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL EFFORT AIMED AT RESTORING PEACE AND DEMOCRATIC RULE IN RWANDA..

8. (C) MUSEVENI TOLD THE DANES THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WILL PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE AND IS PUTTING PRESSURE ON THE RPF NOT TO SEEK REVENGE BUT TO COOPERATE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COURT AND THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL. HE DEMANDED THAT THE UN NOT PROTECT THE CIVIL WAR'S "MASS MURDERERS" BUT ARREST, TRY, AND PUNISH THEM FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. SUCH ACTION IS NECESSARY, HE EXPLAINED, TO PRECLUDE ETHNIC REPRISALS IN THE FUTURE. HE ALSO ADVOCATED THAT THE UN DEPLOY PEACEKEEPING FORCES INTO "LIBERATED AREAS," I.E., UNDER RPF CONTROL.

MUSEVENI FORESEES POSSIBLE PARTITION OF SUDAN
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9. (C) MUSEVENI TOLD MFA OFFICIALS THAT HE MET WITH SUDAN'S PRESIDENT IN VIENNA AND WARNED THE ARAB LEADER THAT ISLAMIC EXPANSIONISM AND RUTHLESS GOVERNMENT SUPPRESSION OF THE SOUTH WERE UNACCEPTABLE. MUSEVENI DESCRIBED THE CIVIL WAR IN SUDAN AS A "VERY SERIOUS CONFLICT," WHICH CAN BE SOLVED IN ONE OF TWO WAYS: EITHER THE PARTITION OF THE COUNTRY INTO ITS ARAB MUSLIM NORTH AND ANIMIST AND CHRISTIAN AFRICAN SOUTH OR A FEDERAL RESTRUCTURING OF THE COUNTRY.

AN APPEAL TO DANISH BUSINESS

10. (U) MUSEVENI'S TRIP OSTENSIBLY WAS TO SEEK DANISH INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN UGANDA AND PROMOTE JOINT VENTURES. AS UGANDAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR SAMUEL F. MATTE-MUKASA EXPLAINED TO EMBOFF, "WE HAVE DONE ENOUGH BEGGING. WE NEED INVESTMENT." THE UGANDANS FORESEE PROFITS TO BE MADE IN THE COFFEE, COTTON, LUMBER/WOOD PRODUCTS, AND TOURISM SECTORS OF THEIR ECONOMY. MATTE-MUKASA STRESSED THAT UGANDA'S RELATIVE STABILITY, PLEASANT CLIMATE, NATURAL BEAUTY, ABUNDANT WATER

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RESOURCES, AND IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE MAKE IT A CHOICE
LOCATION FOR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. THE MFA'S
PEDERSEN WAS NOT NEARLY SO SANGUINE AND ARGUED THAT
FUTURE DANISH INVESTMENT IN UGANDA WOULD BE VERY
LIMITED THE RWANDA CIVIL WAR HAS ALREADY ADVERSELY
AFFECTED UGANDA'S ECONOMY AS CONSUMERS ARE REFUSING TO
PURCHASE FISH AND ELS TAKEN FROM LAKE VICTORIA. THE
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SIGHT OF DEAD BODIES AND REFUSE IN THE LAKE HAS HARMED
AN ENTERPRISE (THE VICTORIA FRESH FOOD COMPANY)
SUPPORTED BY THE DANISH DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, DANIDA.
ACCORDING TO PEDERSEN, UGANDA STILL HAS A "TREMENDOUS
NEED" FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. MATTSON

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